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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

This paper and the accompanying Request for Continued Examination (RCE) are being submitted in response to the Final Office Action dated November 23, 2004, having a shortened statutory period set to expire on February 23, 2005. Accompanying this response is a two-month Petition Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 for Extension of Time setting a new time for response of April 23, 2005. Further examination and reconsideration are respectfully requested in view of the following amendments and remarks.

No Amendments to the Specification are presented in this paper.

No Amendments to the Drawings are presented in this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on **page 2** of this paper.

Remarks begin on **page 23** of this paper.